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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action of May 17, 2004 rejected claims 1, 2, 12, and 16-20 as being anticipated by Sterzer, U.S. Patent No. 4,001,822. Claims 3, 5, 7-11, 13-15, and 21 were rejected as being obvious over Sterzer in combination with various other references. It is respectfully acknowledged that claims 22 and 23 were indicated as being allowed.

This amendment amends claims 1, 3, 13, 14, 16-21, and 23. Claim 23, which was indicated as being allowed, has been amended to remove an unnecessary limitation. Specifically, the amendment to claim 23 changes the word "adhered" to "attached." In the Response to Arguments portion of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Sterzer "includes means for adhering to a component of the vehicle." Therefore, it is respectfully suggested that the amendment to claim 23 does not remove any of the allowable subject matter of claim 23. Thus, it is respectfully suggested that amended claim 23 raises no new issues that would require further searching and claim 23 remains allowable.

Claims 1, 3, 13, 14, and 16-21 have been amended to depend from claim 23. Thus, by this amendment claims 1-3, 5, and 6-21 depend from allowable claim 23. Allowed claim 22 remains unchanged. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-3, 5, and 6-23 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

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